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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a), are two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Progress Payment Loan Agreement and Security Agreement, dated as of March 30, 1998, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents and two (2) copies of each of two Memoranda of Collateral Assignment, also dated March 30, 1998, secondary documents related thereto.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are:

Memorandum of Progress Payment Loan Agreement

and Security Agreement

Charter Financial, Inc.

153 East 53rd Street

New York, New York 10022

Southern Illinois Railcar Company

**Executive Park Two** 505 Buckeye Drive Troy, Illinois 62294

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## Memoranda of Collateral Assignment of Rights Under Railcar Lease Agreement

Assign e

Charter Financial, Inc.

153 East 53rd Street

New York, New York 1002

Assignee:

Southern Illinois Railcar Company

Executive Park Two 505 Buckeye Drive Troy, Illinois 62294

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed documents:

fifty-one (51) covered railcars bearing ERCX reporting marks and road numbers set forth on Exhibit A attached to the Memorandum.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed documents to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Alvord

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## MEMORANDUM OF PROGRESS PAYMENT LOAN AGREEMENT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF PROGRESS PAYMENT LOAN AGREEMENT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (the "Memorandum") dated as of March 30, 1998, is made by and between Charter Financial, Inc. a New York corporation, with an office at 153 East 53rd Street, New York, New York 10022 ("Charter"), and SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RAILCAR COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with it chief executive office and principal place of business at Executive Park Two, 505 Buckeye Drive, Troy, Illinois 62294 (the "Borrower").

Borrower and Charter hereby state the following:

- 1. Borrower and Charter are parties to that certain Progress Payment Loan and Security Agreement dated as of March 30 , 1998 (the "Loan Agreement") (capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given in the Loan Agreement), whereby Charter loaned Borrower certain funds to facilitate the purchase or financing of the covered hopper railcars more specifically identified on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Railcars").
- 2. Borrower's obligations under the Loan Agreement and other loan documents are evidenced by and payable in accordance with the Loan Agreement.
- 3. Pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and to secure the payment and performance of any and all of Borrower's obligations to Charter, Borrower granted to Charter a continuing, first priority security interest in and to, and chattel mortgage lien on, all of the Borrower's right, title and interest in and to the railcars, to have and to hold all and every part of the railcars unto Charter, its successors and assigns, for its and their own use and benefit forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed as of the date first above written.

WITNESS:

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RAILCAR COMPANY

President

CHARTER FINANCIAL, INC.

## EXHIBIT A LIST OF RAILCARS

Fifty One 51 Covered hopper railcars each having a capacity of 4,427 cubic feet, equipped with three (3) pockets and three (3) gravity outlet gates, having trough hatches, bearing reporting marks as follows:

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Notary Public

My commission expires:

LOUISA L. BAKER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 31-4955650
Qualified in Westchester County
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